

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JUDGE CHIN

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NOBLE SHIPPING INC., :

Plaintiff, :

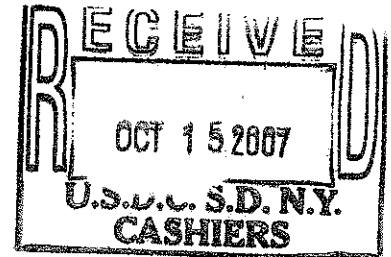
- against - :

HIGHLINE SHIPPING SDN BHD., :

Defendant. :

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VERIFIED COMPLAINT

Plaintiff, NOBLE SHIPPING INC. (hereinafter referred to as "Plaintiff" or "Noble"), by and through its attorneys, Tisdale Law Offices LLC, as and for its Verified Complaint against the Defendant, HIGHLINE SHIPPING SDN BHD, (hereinafter referred to as "Defendant" or "Highline"), alleges, upon information and belief, as follows:

1. This is an admiralty and maritime claim within the meaning of Rule 9(h) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and 28 United States Code § 1333.
2. At all times material to this action, Plaintiff was, and still is, a foreign company duly organized and operating under foreign law with a principal place of business in the British Virgin Islands.
3. Upon information and belief, Defendant was, and still is, a foreign corporation or other business entity organized under and existing by virtue of foreign law with a principal place of business in Sarawak, Malaysia.
4. Noble, as charterer and Highline, as disponent owner, entered into a contract of affreightment on or about June 19, 2002 and amended on December 10, 2003 and May 20, 2004,

based upon the “T/B Woodman 38/Woodman 37” charter party dated April 22, 2002 for the carriage of forty-two (42) shipments of coal in bulk (hereinafter the “COA”).

5. Certain disputes arose between the parties as a result of Highline’s failure to nominate sufficient tugs and barges to carry out the shipments as required under the COA.

6. As a result of Highline’s breach the COA, seventeen (17) of the forty-two (42) shipments were not performed and Noble has suffered damages in the amount of \$548,058.14.

7. The COA provides that any disputes arising thereunder shall be referred to Singapore Arbitration with English law to apply.

8. Plaintiff has commenced arbitration in Singapore and appointed its arbitrator.

9. Despite due demand, Defendant has failed to perform pursuant to the terms of the COA.

10. Interest, costs and attorneys’ fees are routinely awarded to the prevailing party in arbitration pursuant to English Law. As best as can now be estimated, Plaintiff expects to recover the following amounts:

A.	Principal claim:	\$548,058.14
B.	Estimated interest on claims: 4 years at 6.5%, compounded quarterly	\$161,376.33
C.	Estimated attorneys’ fees and arbitration costs:	\$150,000.00
Total		\$859,434.47

11. The Defendant cannot be found within this District within the meaning of Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, but, upon information and belief, Defendant has, or will have during the pendency of this action, assets within this District and subject to the jurisdiction of this Court,

held in the hands of garnishees within the District which are believed to be due and owing to the Defendant.

12. The Plaintiff seeks an order from this court directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, and also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching, *inter alia*, any property of the Defendant held by any garnishees within the District for the purpose of obtaining personal jurisdiction over the Defendant, to compel arbitration and to secure the Plaintiff's claim as described above.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays:

A. That process in due form of law issue against the Defendant, citing it to appear and answer under oath all and singular the matters alleged in the Complaint, failing which default judgment be entered against it in the sum of **\$859,434.47**.

B. That since the Defendant cannot be found within this District pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, this Court issue an Order directing the Clerk of Court to issue Process of Maritime Attachment and Garnishment pursuant to Rule B of the Supplemental Rules for Certain Admiralty and Maritime Claims, also pursuant to the United States Arbitration Act, 9 U.S.C. §§ 1 and 8, attaching all goods, chattels, credits, letters of credit, bills of lading, effects, debts and monies, tangible or intangible, or any other funds up to the amount of **\$859,434.47** belonging to, due or being transferred to, from, or for the benefit of the Defendant, including but not limited to such property as may be held, received or transferred in Defendant's name or as may be held, received or transferred for its benefit at, moving through, or within the possession, custody or control of banking/financial institutions and/or other institutions or such other garnishee(s) to be named, and that all persons

claiming any interest in the same be cited to appear and pursuant to Supplemental Admiralty Rule B answer the matters alleged in the Complaint;

C. That pursuant to 9 U.S.C. §§201 et seq. this Court recognize and confirm any London arbitration award in Plaintiff's favor against the Defendant as a judgment of this Court;

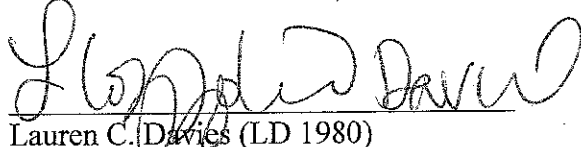
D. That this Court award Plaintiff the attorneys' fees and costs incurred in this action; and

E. That the Plaintiff have such other, further and different relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: October 15, 2007
New York, NY

The Plaintiff,
NOBLE SHIPPING INC.,

By:



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ATTORNEY'S VERIFICATION

State of Connecticut)
) ss.: City of Southport
County of Fairfield)

1. My name is Lauren C. Davies.

2. I am over 18 years of age, of sound mind, capable of making this

Verification, and fully competent to testify to all matters stated herein.

3. I am an Associate in the firm of Tisdale Law Offices, LLC, attorneys for the
Plaintiff.

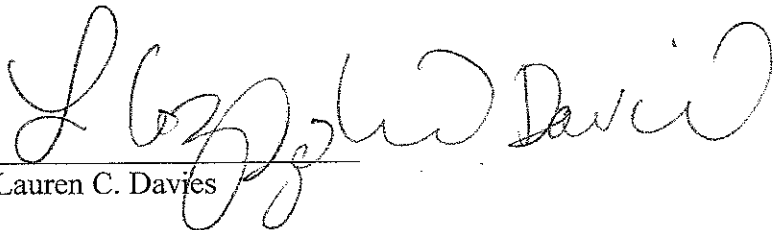
4. I have read the foregoing Verified Complaint and know the contents
thereof and believe the same to be true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information
and belief.

5. The reason why this Verification is being made by the deponent and not
by the Plaintiff is that the Plaintiff is a business organization with no officers or directors now
within this District.

6. The source of my knowledge and the grounds for my belief are the
statements made, and the documents and information received from, the Plaintiff and agents
and/or representatives of the Plaintiff.

7. I am authorized to make this Verification on behalf of the Plaintiff.

Dated: October 15, 2007
 Southport, CT



Lauren C. Davies